

Appl No. 10/626,897

Response dated January 10, 2005

Reply to Office Action dated December 10, 2004

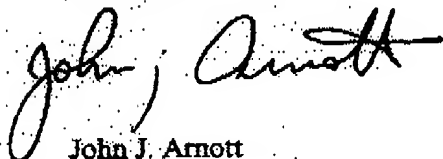
BEST AVAILABLE COPY**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action dated December 10, 2004. Applicant has addressed each issue raised by the examiner. It is respectfully requested that the application be allowed to proceed to substantive examination.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt in order to place this case in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of the claims pending in the application. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/BEST-26,383 of HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,
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